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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the final¹ Office Action dated November 9, 2007, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. English translations of priority (JP) Application Nos. 11-282592 and 2000-174573 and corresponding statements of accuracy.

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¹ The finality of the Office Action is premature. The allowance of claims 4 and 25 was withdrawn in the outstanding Office Action. Claims 4 and 25 have now been rejected in view of prior art. Claims 4 and 25 were not amended in the last Amendment/Response filed August 24, 2007. Claims 4 and 25 are thus newly rejected and the last Amendment/Response could not have possibly necessitated the new grounds of rejection since there was no amendment to these claims. The finality of the Office Action is therefore premature.